

DRAFT minutes for Connecticut EMS Volunteer Committee

March 9th, 2015 1905 at the Connecticut State Police Academy

285 Preston Avenue Meriden, CT

Members Attendees: D. Angell, W. Barratt, P. Grusauskas, P. Heavin, S. Kosciusko, J. Paretzky, A. Stone

OEMS Staff: K. Brown

Guests: J. Skermitt

Called to order at 1905

Minutes from the committee meeting 10/10/2014 at Newtown EMS approved

Review of CT EMS Advisory Board minutes since October 2014

Committee meeting schedule and locations reviewed. The committee voted to continue to meet on the second Monday of January, March, May, June, September and November and to hold the meetings at EMS Volunteer services as before. The May meeting will be May 11 and the June meeting on June 8th. The Location will be announced.

At review of some pending bills was held, with the committee voting to oppose 6792 and 5911 and to support the bill to increase Volunteer tax abatements from \$1,000 to \$1,250.

Goals and objectives for the committee include:

- Have minimum staffing for all levels of EMS consist of a minimum of one EMR and any level EMS, A-EMT or Paramedic. Patient care would be the responsibility of the EMT, AEMT or Paramedic.

- Support an act concerning the study of CT EMS to include: recruitment, retention, training, allocate up to \$100,000 for the study
- Support an act to re-instate the Equipment and Training grants for \$100,000 per year
- Support any change to the EMS Advisory Board to allow for a minimum of one Volunteer EMS representative to have a voting position on such Board.
- To explore the formation of a CT EMS Association to represent all those working or volunteering in EMS and to advise the Commissioner directly on the issues as needed.

Discussion about the status of the AEMT level of certification. The feeling was time was needed to meet the National Scope of Practice and three years from the time lesson plans are in place, should be sufficient to have everyone trained as required. Jay was asked about any bridge programs that might work here. Jay said he would explore that issue.

Kevin Brown gave an up-date on Training in the state and Phil reported on CEMSMAC

New Business: Phil Heavin was elected Secretary and Skip Kosciusko Vice –Chair

A recommendation was voted on to have Jay Paretzky be appointed Chair of the committee by the Chair of CT EMS Advisory Board.

Next meeting: May 11, 2015 then June 8, 2015 Locations to be announced.

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